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## REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10-15 and 18 were examined (including generic claim 1) rejected on Hoefkes, and claims 1 and 15 on the design patent to Thomas. It is submitted that these two references do not anticipate such claims, nor do they suggest or otherwise render obvious any such claims. The same is true as to the other references cited of interest taken alone or in any valid combination.

Hoefkes shows a coupling piece with rope retaining loops at 22, 26, 28. As shown in FIGS. 3-9 various arrangements of ropes can be linked thereto for fastening or mechanical adjustment purposes. The structure of that member is not disclosed as having any relation to decking or like surfaces of closely spaced thick members and the piece is not constructed for such usage except by impermissible modification, per teachings of the present application.

Thomas discloses a belaying hook for attaching ropes together. The same defects noted above as to Hoefkes also apply to this reference. Moreover its portions "c" solely even if passed through decking spaces, as suggested in the present application, would not set flat against the bottom of the decking members (or the like).

An application data sheet providing the residential address of the inventor is enclosed herewith as requested on page 2 of the action.

Accordingly it is submitted that generic claim 1 is allowable, that all of claims 1-20 should be examined and allowed.


A telephone interview is requested. Please call Applicant's attorney at (617) 345-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Application Data Sheet

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**BEST AVAILABLE COPY****APPLICATION DATA SHEET (ADS)****Application Information**

Application Number::	10/821,697
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Application Type::	Regular
Subject Matter::	Utility
Suggested Classification::	
Suggested Group Art Unit::	
CD-ROM or CD-R::	None
Number of CD disks::	None
Sequence submission?::	None
Computer Readable Form (CRF)?::	No
Number of copies of CRF::	None
Title::	REMOVABLE TIE-DOWN CLIP AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME
Attorney Docket Number::	31141-101
Suggested Drawing Figure::	1
Total Drawing Sheets::	2
Small Entity::	YES
Latin Name::	Only used for Plant Applications
Variety denomination name::	Only used for Plan Applications
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Petition Type::	N/A
Licensed US Gov. Agency::	N/A
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Secrecy Order in Parent Appl.?::	No
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